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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination submitted herewith, and in response to the Office Action of May 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- (1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
  - (2) Remarks/arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.